following rates of interest on loans for purchase of fishing boats :—

Category	Rate of Interest (Percent per annum)
(i) Small farmers/ IRDP beneficiaries.	10 0
(ii) Other farmers	12 5
(iii) Loans under DRI Scheme	4 00

Shipping Credit and Investment Company of India (SCICI) provides financial assistance for acquisition of deep sea fishing vessels and not for fishing boats. The rates of interest charged by SCICI on their rupee loans for acquisition of deep sea fishing vessels is as follows :

Category	Rate of Interest (Percent per annum)
(i) Indigenously built vessels	6 75%
(ii) Imported vessels	7 5%

As the types of investment for which commercial banks and SCICI provide loans are different, there is no proposal to bring the rates on par.

Handloom Workers

969. DR. R. K. PODDAR : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether an All India Census has already been made in regard to the handloom workers;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, and

(c) what is the number of such workers, indicating statewise details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) to (c) In order to provide better data base for the formulation and implementation of handloom development programmes and schemes, a national census of the handloom industry is being conducted. The census operations is being undertaken by the central Government through the respective State Governments. National Council of Applied Economic Research have been associated in the operations of enumeration and compilation of data are at varying stages of progress in the States.

Losses suffered by the Textile Mills

970. DR. R. K. PODDAR : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) what are the losses suffered by the Government controlled textile mills during the last three years and the names of those mills;

(b) what is the production and sale of those mills during the above mentioned period; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to reduce the losses if any, and improve the production as well as the sale ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) The losses incurred by the Textile mills under NTC/ BIC during the last three years are :

Year	Loss (Rs. in crores)
1984-85	246·85
1985-86	164·87
1986-87 (prov.)	237·90

A statement-I showing the names of Textile Mills controlled by Government of India which incurred losses during the year 1984-85 to 1986-87 is attached (*See* below).

(b) A statement-II showing the production and production value/sales of such mills during the above said period is attached. (*See* below)

(c) Some of the important steps being taken to improve the performance of Government controlled textile mills are as under :

(i) selective modernisation according to priorities to achieve optimum gains within available resources